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## january 07, 2018 rehearsing god's care for you

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To submit an article for the newsletter, email to <u>newsletter@trinitylcs.org</u> The deadline for article submission is Wednesday at noon. Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting with us, we consider you an honored guest and pray that you enjoy your worship experience with us today. If we can help in any way, please see an elder or usher for assistance. God's blessings on your worship!

FOR YOU

## Worship Times

REHEARSING

7:30am (Sanctuary) Traditional Lutheran Worship 9:00 & 10:15am (Family Life Center) Contemporary praise music 11:30am (Sanctuary) Blended Traditional Worship 6:00pm (Sanctuary) Casual Lutheran Worship Nursery available for all services FLC Services Preschool Room 109 Sanctuary Services School Nursery

### Sunday School

8:45am Adult Bible Study (Room 301)

**10:15am Adult Bible Study** (Room 301)

PS 3/4 Yr Olds/Kindergarten (Preschool Room 111) 1st/2nd Grades (Room 303) 3rd/4th Grades (Room 403) 5th-8th Grades (Room 402) High School The LIGHTLounge

(PS through 2nd Grades meet in the Sanctuary at 10:15 to begin with Praise Time and will be picked up in classrooms at 11:15)

## **WORSHIP AT TRINITY**

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER: OUR UNDERSTANDING AND PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who are members of a different church other than The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study see Matt 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor 11:17-34.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Elizabeth Kather for August's Baptism birthday and his Grandfather's birthday.

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STUDY							

YOU ARE INVITED TO STUDY GOD'S HOLY WORD WITH US AS WE STRIVE TO BE BIBLICALLY LITERATE, DOCTRINALLY SOUND DISCIPLES. PASTOR BOLTE WILL BE TEACHING 5 BIBLE STUDIES THIS FALL:

#### THE BOOK OF REVELATION

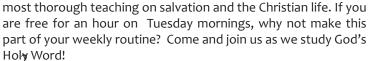
This class is held during the OASIS time slot on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm. Using fantastic, graphic images from the Old Testament, the Lord reveals the how

Testament, the Lord reveals the how His People will be kept safe through the dangerous Last Days. Revelation gives us a Christian worldview and great comfort as we live each day in these End Times before Jesus' return on the

#### THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Last Day.

This class will be held on Tuesdays@11am. Martin Luther called Romans "the chief book in the New Testament and the purest Gospel." It is the New Testament's



#### THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS

This class is held on Tuesday mornings from 7-7:30am. This is primarily a Trinity Lutheran School faculty Bible study, but if you want to join us, you



are welcome! The class is abbreviated, and moves quickly. Class notes will be provided so that you can continue to study at home in more depth and with more time.

#### B.A.S.I.C.S.

We will be hosting a 7 week new member class starting **Apr 15**. We will meet on Sunday afternoons at 4pm. This class is the route to membership here at Trinity. It is a



concise review of the key doctrines of the Christian faith and a good chance to meet new people! Childcare is provided. Register online at <u>http://www.trinitylcs.org/about-us/newmembers/</u> or contact Andi at <u>amcdonald@Trinitylcs.org</u>.

## MEN OF FAITH--NEW MEN'S GROUP!

This men's group is designed to form Christian friendships, to study the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord), and to serve the congregation. We are studying



Luther's Large Catechism; you can join us at any time! As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another! PROV 27:17 MEN OF FAITH meet **Tuesdays at 6:30pm!** 

#### WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Paul's letter to the Philippians, is our next study starting **Jan 15**. Paul characterizes the Christian life as joy no matter the circumstances, eagerness to suffer for Christ, humility that follows



Christ in putting others first, and trust in Christ alone for righteousness. All women are invited to join us for study, growth and fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month at 7pm at Karen Onstad's home. For more info call her at <u>623-935-4589</u> or Leader Karen Frusti at <u>602-828-2268</u>.

#### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- 8:45am (Room 301) Adult Bible Study w/ Pr. Les Self
- Justifying Christmas
- See how the Scriptures, connected with the birth of Jesus, proclaim the good news of justification by grace through faith. Please join us as we examine "Justifying Christmas". Everyone is invited to participate in this class.

#### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

- 10:15am (Room 301) Adult Bible Study w/ Suzanne Suarez
- The Book of Revelation
- We will be using "Journey Through God's Word."

## FRIDAY PARENTING GROUP

**Fridays 8:30am -10:30am Free childcare!** We are diving into Jim Daly's book When Parenting Isn't Perfect from Focus on the Family. Contact Ruth Fisher to reserve a spot for free childcare. (<u>480-235-1473</u> or <u>rfisher@</u> trinitylcs.org)



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#### **ADULTS**

#### SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING SCHEDULED

A special Congregation Meeting is being called for Jan 21, 2018 at 12:45pm to vote on approval of a contract that will finalize the sale of a portion of the property owned by Trinity that borders Dysart Road. This land has been listed for sale by Trinity since the summer of 2016. Information packets with further details concerning terms of the proposed sale are available at the FLC and Sanctuary. An information only meeting will also be scheduled to provide additional opportunity for members to ask questions about the contract and associated land use.

#### LET'S GO!

will again be visiting restaurants featuring interesting cuisine in 2018. The purpose of providing a comfortable setting to meet members of our church will again be emphasized. We will be starting off the 2018 dinner season by revisiting 'Organ Stop Pizza'. It will be on **SUNDAY, Jan 21 at 2PM**. The restaurant is located at 1149 E. Southern Avenue Mesa. To help out with transportation, we will meet in the church parking lot at 2PM and carpool. The restaurant doors open at 3PM. Please RSVP to Wilma Rupprecht: <u>630 888</u> 4233 before **Jan 19**. Note that they only take cash payments

#### LET'S HAVE A GOOD FIGHT!

Our latest MARRIAGE GROUP will be a type of Fight Club! Not to worry! – NO BOXING GLOVES NECESSARY! On Thursdays, starting **Jan 25 from 6:30pm – 7:15pm**, couples will discover how to use conflict to draw closer. Bring your sense of humor to join leaders, Vic and Holly Lozano to explore the six-week DVD/book based discussion written by Drs Les and Leslie Parrot. Free Childcare provided! Please register with Ruth Fisher at <u>rfisher@trinitylcs.</u> org.

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S DEAF MINISTRY

wants to welcome all who are deaf and/or hard of hearing to join us as we worship God together. Please join us Sundays at 9am. The service will be interpreted. Hope to see you there!

#### A.M.O.S. (A MINISTRY OF SENIORS)

#### FOR AGES 55 AND OLDER

- A.M.O.S. meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month.
- Our next meeting is Wednesday, Jan 10

#### ADVANCING THE GOSPEL

With the new year we will be kicking off our next Advancing The Gospel campaign which will continue for the next three years, but officially build and begin over the first three months of this year. Keep an eye out for special information in the way of handouts and fliers, and especially watch the Mission section of the weekly newsletters for information about special events, activities, and ways that you can be involved. (HINT: There just might be something yummy coming your way soon!) It is our prayer that EVERYONE become involved SOME way, SOME how. Remember, the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church involves all of us as we are continually becoming more biblically literate, doctrinally sound, mission minded and passionately engaged disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ! Advancing the Gospel is about supporting that work in the many and various ways that it happens here at Trinity.

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### **YOUTH/FAMILIES**

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL: AGE 3 THRU HIGH SCHOOL

Contact Laura Nelson for info <u>LNelson@TrinityLCS.org</u> or call/ text <u>515-864-6064</u>

- PRAISE TIME Praising God in Song!
  - Preschool through 2nd grade in Sanctuary
  - 10:15 am Sign-in at Sanctuary bldg church
  - 10:30am 11:15am Bible Lessons in classrooms
  - Parents pick up from classrooms
- <u>3/4th grade, JR Youth (5th-8th grade), & High School</u>
- 10:15am Gather in their own classrooms for great Bible discussions with teachers and friends
- 3yrs-Kinder: Judy Bodnar & Jen Dalton, preschool room 11
- 1st/2nd: Karen Shanafelt & Anna Fisher, room 303
- 3rd/4th: Sandi Simon & K. Leigh Casey, room 403
- JR Youth (5th-8th grade): Jodi Hamill, room 402
- Winter Lesson 1: The Wisdom of Solomon (1 Kings 3)
- High School: Lindsay & Travis Guiney, The LIGHT Lounge
  HS Class: continue to learn what it means to a biblical
  - foundation for leadership in their friendships, youth group, and here at Trinity!

#### JR. YOUTH 5TH - 8TH GRADES

Contact Laura Nelson for info <u>lnelson@trinitylcs.org</u> or call or text <u>515-864-6064</u>

- OASIS (Confirmation)
- Classes are back in session!
  - Larry Billar 5th Grade Room 502
  - Bruce Rogers 6th Grade Room 504
  - Ruth Fisher JR Confirmation Room 602
  - Vince Owen SR Confirmation Room 301

#### JR YOUTH LEADER MEETING

• Sunday, Jan 21st in the LIGHT Lounge at 11:30am

#### **GET EXCITED!**

- Ice Skating at AZ Ice in Peoria
- Date & other details will be determined on Jan 21st at our Leader Meeting -- if you have any special requests, we can be bought with a few dove chocolates!!

#### SR. YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Contact Laura Nelson for info Inelson@trinitylcs.org

or call or text <u>515-864-6064</u>

- OASIS High School Bible Study
- Class is BACK in session
- Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm
- Meet us in the LIGHT Lounge
- NEW Topic: I Am An Echo

## MAN DOESN'T LIVE BY COFFEE ALONE... HAVE A DONUT!

Our Youth are fundraising for Christian retreats, camps, and gospel sharing projects. DID YOU KNOW --> you can PRE-Order and have you coffee ready for you after service? Yep, you sure can! Our two drip-brewed coffees this month are Caramel Coffee Cake and French Vanilla. Check out our 2 Keurig® Coffee Makers brewing a delicious variety of coffees. We'll leave room for cream and sugar, and don't forget to grab a YUMMY Donut, too! Coffee: \$1.25, Donuts: \$.75. Water and punch will still be supplied by the Hospitality Committee on these Sundays. 3

#### САМР СНАМР САМР HAM



2018 SR Youth Summer Servant Trip: Initial Meeting Sunday, Jan 14 at 11:30 in the LIGHT Lounge! ALL interested parties,

parents and teens --> this

will be the first meeting where we'll discuss all the ins-andouts of our Summer 2018 Servant Event at Lutherhaven's ChampCamp. We'll also use this time together to collaborate on how we want to fundraise.

Here is some basic information to get you excited and tracking with me...

#### Dates: June 22-29, 2018

What is Champ Camp? Champ Camp is a chance for children and youth with special needs to come and experience all that camp has to offer. Our teens will work alongside Champ Camp campers who have a wide variety of special needs and are looking for caring servant friends during their time at camp. They'll drink up all the love you can give 'em!

Who Can Attend? Trinity SR Youth Ministry is inviting current 9-12th graders to be a part of our servant team going to Lutherhaven Camp in Idaho. We are limited to 24 teens for this event.

Total ESTIMATED Cost: \$850 (Participants are responsible for paying \$275. Fundraising will take place to cover a portion or all of the remaining costs!)

I look forward to seeing y'all soon!

#### MISC. SR YOUTH EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Jan. 7: Coffee & Donut Sunday

Jan. 13: Dinner & a Movie (TBD)

Jan. 14: Information Meeting about our 2018 SR Youth Summer Servant Trip

Jan. 14: Sunday FUNday 12:30-2:30pm

Jan. 28: Sunday FUNday 11:30-2pm

If you're interested in knowing more about what the SR Youth specifically are up to at any of these events CONTACT LAURA -- it might not be what you think at all!

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#### **ADVANCING THE GOSPEL**

So, just what is Advancing the Gospel? Advancing the Gospel (AtG) is what we call our ongoing capital campaign where we are asking you to support the "where" of Trinity's ministries--our campus. Just like you have a mortgage payment or rent payment, we also have a mortgage payment on a \$12,500,000 loan. And, just like you have various maintenance and upkeep expenses at your home (think AC repairs, plumbing repairs, paint, etc.), so does our campus. You can read more about how our loan is structured and how our payments are applied in a separate handout. We are asking for your prayerful giving above and beyond your regular tithe and offering for this very specific purpose apart from the daily operating expenses of ministry that your tithes and offerings support. Stay tuned for more info, more fun, more ways for you to be involved in mission and ministry!

#### AN EGGSCELLENT WAY TO START!

Come and meet the Advancing the Gospel team, find out more about how you can be involved, and be treated to a yummy breakfast complete with Hickman eggs! Breakfast will be served from 8:30am through 11:30am (so if you attend the 11:30 service, come early!) on Sunday, Jan 14. Get to know other folks that you worship with each week or change up your service time and get to know some new faces! We'll see you there!

#### ADVANCING THE GOSPEL PRAYER CORNER

Each week throughout this campaign kick-off, we will be highlighting the prayer requests of various ministries that take place on our campus day in and day out throughout each week. Please keep these in mind as you go through your week and present them to God with your own prayers and petitions.

This week please remember the Advancing the Gospel campaign and team. Pray that the Lord of the Church will remember our church family at Trinity as we all prayerfully consider our giving as (extremely) blessed disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray that the efforts of the AtG team will serve to create a feeling of excitement about the work that is happening here as well as a sense of community amongst our Trinity family. We thank God that He has blessed us with this campus where ministry happens and where we are able to worship, study, grow, and learn as a family of believers in Christ our Savior.

### **Bible Verse Word Search**

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I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your work and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

Psalm 77:11-12

(One letter words are not used. If a word is used in the verse more than once, it's only in the puzzle onece. Words may be down, across, backward or diagonal. Words may overlap one another)